

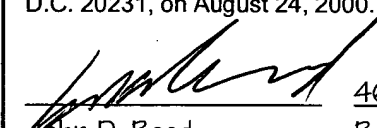


GP/2822

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of

Applicants : David R. Hembree et al.  
Serial No. : 09/206,080  
Filed : February 19, 1998  
Title : A SPRING ELEMENT FOR USE IN  
AN APPARATUS FOR ATTACHING  
TO A SEMICONDUCTOR AND A  
METHOD OF ATTACHING  
Docket No. : MIO 0020 IA  
Examiner : Roy Potter  
Art Unit : 2822

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING	
I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, on August 24, 2000.	
 John D. Reed	46,506 Reg. No.

#8  
9-7-00  
T. Flowers

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

RESPONSE

This paper is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed June 5, 2000, having a reply due date of September 5, 2000. Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested in light of the attached declaration under 37 C.F.R. 1.131 by the Applicants, who respectfully submit that the application is now in condition for allowance. The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned to resolve efficiently any formal matters or to discuss any aspects of the application or of this response. Otherwise, early notification of allowable subject matter is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

KILLWORTH, GOTTMAN, HAGAN &  
SCHAEFF, L.L.P.

By

  
John D. Reed  
Registration No. 46,506

RECEIVED  
SEP - 1 2000  
C 2800 MAIL ROOM

Serial No. - 09/026,080  
Art Unit - 2822

One Dayton Centre  
One South Main Street, Suite 500  
Dayton, Ohio 45402-2023  
Telephone: (937) 223-2050  
Facsimile: (937) 223-0724  
e-mail: reedj@kghs.com